

This is the season when a fruit tree bursts into blossom and raises a man's hopes to heaven. In a few months later he gathers one or two worm nests.

We know a man who has enough industry and ability in his line to make a conspicuous success, if his fool ways didn't keep him down.

The Death Rate.

While it is quite true that the proportion of deaths from malaria is an immediate cause is proportionately small, yet physicians are thoroughly convinced that it causes malady of a fatal character, and begets dangerous nervous prostration. This malady is eradicated and prevented by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

No man who is in love can appreciate a good joke because all jokes sound funny to him.

There may be wars and rumors of war, but our darling little babies may be sick and die unless we give them Dr. Mott's Teething Powders. Teething Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels and makes teething easy.

Love is like a bee; if you pull its sting out it dies.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

After a girl has had a quarrel with another she always makes up her mind what she won't say when she meets her and then says it.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally. Price, 75c.

A woman's first thought when she sees company coming, is her canned fruit.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

The devil succeeds because he never knows when he's been snubbed.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is our only medicine for coughs and colds. Mrs. C. Beltz, 439 8th Ave., Denver, Col., Nov. 8, '95.

Writer's cramp may effect the wrist or the stomach.

Beauty is Blood Deep. Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it lean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets, beauty for 10c. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

One of the finest looking things we have seen in weeks is a mother-in-law.

Read the Advertisements. You will enjoy this publication much better if you will get in the habit of reading the advertisements; they will afford a most interesting study and some excellent bargains. Our advertisers are reliable, and send what they advertise.

We still insist that the funniest thing in the world is a woman coming from the depot carrying a valise.

If you want a girl to hate you, greet her on her return from an extensive trip as she had been only twenty-five miles from home.

The Jews like their kin better than any other people.

Every loving wife believes her husband is overworked.

Half that people say is not heard—every one does too much muzzling.

A man can get away from a letter, but it is not so easy to escape an agent.

The politicians are rapidly crowding out the patriots.

A woman can sharpen a pencil about as quick as a man can thread a needle.

More than a fair profit is realized on the articles sold at a church fair.

Don't neglect your present too much for your future.

A woman considers it a part of her wifely duty when away from her husband, to tell her friends that she is homesick to see him again.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

A good many men do too much "looking around," and not enough work.

Dictionary Without a Peer. The Boston Daily Traveler: "In point of completeness it is without a peer in our language. The success of this dictionary is already assured."

See display advertisement of how to obtain the Standard Dictionary by making a small payment down, the remainder in installments.

Farmers say a mare always looks ashamed when she discovers that her colt is a mule.

Shake Into Your Shoes.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, nervous, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

There may be some excuse for fooling others, but there is no excuse for fooling yourself.

Some people are so tiresome that you are always wishing they will take offense at something and stay away.

Every time a woman picks up a newspaper she finds a recipe for cooking which she cuts out and carefully loses.

Spring chickens are so dear when they first arrive that it is perfectly excusable to pick off their feathers on the front porch.

What a fine lot of ways for cooking appear in a women's magazine, and how tired we all get of mashed potatoes, fried meat and eggs!

The presents the average man gives his wife lie around, accumulating scratches and dust, until he dies, when they are collected and put in a bureau drawer with sweet smelling herbs between.

The awkward man has another reason for confronting him why he should keep away from pink teas—the women are beginning to wear trains on their dresses.

GEN. GOMEZ HOLDS OFF.

AGAINST ACTIVE MILITARY CO-OPERATION.

HIS ADVICE TO AMERICA.

A Blockade of the Island Held to Be Sufficient to Make the Insurgents Victorious—It Is Also Requested That French and Italian Ships Be Barred From Cuba.

KEY WEST, May 10.—The arrival last night of Mr. Summerford, the New York Herald's correspondent, who was with Gomez since the week following the blowing up of the Maine, has caused everything to be made clear regarding the situation on the island, from an insurgent standpoint. The conclusions drawn from Mr. Summerford's observations are:

First.—The condition of the reconcentrados since the United States supplies have been cut off is unspeakably bad. They are dying in greater numbers than ever before from actual starvation. This mortality will increase so long as relief is not forthcoming from the United States.

Second.—The most of Gomez's command continues to be inactive, waiting for Spain to yield up the island.

Third.—It is not the idea of insurgents to join with the United States troops and give the Spaniards open battle, driving them out. General Gomez does not seem anxious to have United States troops landed. He believes all that is necessary is for the United States to blockade only Spanish ports, stop French and Italian ships as well as Spanish ships from going into Cuban ports, and send him arms, munitions and supplies, so that he can continue to harass the Spanish outposts. He believes this will result in Spain's yielding in a few months. Mr. Summerford, on the other hand, believes it is necessary for the United States to land troops in Cuba.

Fourth.—Gomez is sorely in need of arms and supplies. His men are faring well so far as fare goes in Cuba, but they are now on one ration a day. Gomez is about sixty miles inland in the eastern end of the island.

Mr. Summerford came with Colonel Juan Jora, one of the officers of the Cuban republic, who brought sealed messages from Gomez to Admiral Sampson regarding arms and supplies. The hope is that the United States government will simply flood Cuba with rifles and ammunition and food for the insurgents and reconcentrados.

OREGON GOES IN PORT.

Bahia, Brazil Reports That the American Vessel Has Landed There.

BAHIA, Brazil, May 10.—The United States battleship Oregon arrived here at 9:45 o'clock this morning. Bahia is about 900 miles north of Rio Janeiro, from which port the Oregon sailed last week. The battleship has still 500 miles to go before she will reach the easternmost point of Brazil, which is comparatively close to the Cape Verde islands. From Bahia to the Barbadoes, the British possessions at the extreme southeastern point of the Antilles, is about 2,200 miles. A stretch of over 1,600 miles will still lie before the battleship and her companions from the friendly British port to Key West.

SPANISH RIOTS GROW.

The Situation Becomes More Threatening in the Provinces.

MADRID, May 10.—The political situation here is unchanged. There was serious rioting at Linares, twenty-three miles from Jaen yesterday. Fourteen persons are said to have been killed and about sixty wounded. Serious disorders have occurred at Briones, near Seville, at which place the village priest has been stoned to death. Twelve men were killed and fifty wounded.

Ordered to Hold Manila.

LONDON, May 10.—It is announced to-day in a special dispatch from Madrid that the Spanish ministers of war and marine, General Correa and Admiral Bermejo, declare they do not expect Manila to be attacked before the arrival of reinforcements for Rear Admiral Dewey from the United States. The dispatch adds that orders have been sent to General Augusti, the governor general of the Philippine islands, to resist to death any attack on Manila.

Dewey Banked With Nelson.

LONDON, May 10.—As the details of the battle of Manila are received British sentiment is shown more and more strongly in favor of the American navy, and the press is claiming Commodore Dewey as of the race of Nelson.

No Cable South of Montevideo.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The Commercial Cable company sent out notice that the cable between Montevideo and Rio Grand do Sul is interrupted. This cuts off telegraphic communication with Montevideo and places south, including Buenos Ayres.

Allen Succeeds Somewhat.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of Charles H. Allen of Massachusetts to be assistant secretary of the navy.

A NEAT TRAP.

Spaniards Set It Well, But Sprung It Too Soon—Baited for Our Warships.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 10.—Only poor marksmanship on the part of the Spaniards saved the Vicksburg and the cutter Morrill from destruction off Havana yesterday morning. For over half an hour they were under the fire of the guns of the Santa Clara war batteries, but both escaped without serious injury, although shrapnel from eight-inch guns exploded all about them, and both now show the pitted scars of the Spanish bullets.

The wily Spaniards had arranged a trap to send a couple of our ships to the bottom. They baited it as a man would bait a trap. A small schooner was sent out from Havana harbor shortly before daylight to draw some of the Americans into the ambush. The ruse worked like a charm. The Vicksburg and the Morrill, in the heat of the chase and in their contempt for Spanish gunnery, walked straight into the trap that had been set for them. Had the Spaniards possessed their souls in patience but five minutes longer, not even the bad gun practice would have saved our ships.

But the officers of both the Morrill and Vicksburg frankly admit their own recklessness and the narrow escape of their vessels from destruction. They are firmly convinced that the pursuit of the schooner was a neatly planned trick, which almost proved successful.

If any one of the shots had struck the thin skin of either vessel, it would have offered no more resistance than a piece of paper to a rifle ball.

May Quit After the War.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Secretary Alger has in preparation a letter to General Brooke, commanding the regiment mobilized at Chickamauga, in which he says that soldiers re-enlisting in the regular army during the war may be informed that they will be granted their discharges if desired at the close of the war, upon their individual application. This action was taken because of the news which has come from Chickamauga that very few of the men whose services are expiring are re-enlisting, because they profess a preference for the volunteer service.

Woodford in Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—General Stewart L. Woodford, United States minister to Spain, arrived in Washington from New York last evening shortly after 9 o'clock. He went almost directly to the White house, where he was given a most cordial reception by the President. He remained in conference with the President until a late hour.

The Manila Blockade.

LONDON, May 10.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "Manila is helpless and surrounded by the insurgents. The blockade is effective. The Americans have occupied Corregidor island and Commodore Dewey has exercised consummate judgment and ability in maintaining a distance at once safe for his fleet and deadly to the Spaniards."

Will Rise Against Spain.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The Herald says: Members of the Porto Rico revolutionary junta in this city have received advices from the West Indies stating that the natives of Porto Rico have risen at Junica and Balamar and that upon the arrival of the United States fleet 70,000 men will take the field against Spain.

Under Guard of Negroes.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 10.—Sixteen Spanish prisoners of war, nine officers and the remainder privates and non-commissioned officers, arrived last night under guard of a detail of negro soldiers from the Twenty-fifth regiment, and were placed in the military prison at Fort McPherson.

Ship to Rescue Refugees.

KINGSTON, May 10.—Acting under instructions from Washington, United States Consul Dent has chartered the Atlas line steamer Adula for the purpose of bringing refugees from Cienfuegos to this port.

A \$3,000,000 Mining Sale.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 10.—An agreement has been reached for the sale of the Leroy mine at Roseland to the British-American Corporation of London. The price is \$3,000,000.

Comment Is Flattering.

LONDON, May 10.—The comment on the battle at Manila as the details come in is universally flattering to Commodore Dewey and the American navy.

All Congressmen Are Renominated.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 10.—In the Democratic primaries all the present Arkansas congressmen were renominated.

THE MARKETS.

Kansas City Grain and Live Stock. Hard Wheat—No. 1, \$1.30@1.31; No. 2, \$1.29; No. 3, \$1.28; No. 4, \$1.26; rejected, \$1.20@1.22. Soft Wheat—No. 1, \$1.40; No. 2, \$1.39; No. 3, \$1.37; No. 4, \$1.30; rejected, \$1.30. Spring Wheat—No. 2, \$1.25@1.26; No. 3, \$1.22@1.24; rejected, \$1.15@1.17. Mixed Corn—No. 2, 35c; No. 3, 34c; No. 4, 33c. White Corn—No. 2, 35c; No. 3, 34c; No. 4, 32c. Oiled Oats—No. 2, 32c@33c; No. 3, 32c; No. 4, 31c. White Oats—No. 2, 34c; No. 3, 33c; No. 4, 32c. Cattle—Receipts 120; calves, 254; shipped, 242 cattle; 5 calves. The market was slow to 10 cents lower. Native heifers, \$3.50@4.00; native cows, \$2.35@4.10; native feeders, \$3.75@4.65; native stockers, \$4.50@5.00. Hogs—Receipts, 9,748; shipped, 2,360. The market was steady to a shade weaker. Prices ranged from \$6.40 to \$6.10.

CONGRESSIONAL.

May 6.—One war measure was passed by the Senate. It was a bill to increase to fifteen the number of surgeons in the United States army, and to authorize the secretary of war to employ as many contract surgeons as he may deem necessary. Almost the entire session was consumed by a discussion of an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill offered by Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota, providing for a reduction of 20 per cent in the compensation of such delivery roads for the transportation of mails. The amendment was still pending when the Senate adjourned until Monday.

May 5.—The Senate passed the postoffice appropriation bill carrying \$93,224,300. An amendment was adopted reducing the number of deliveries in all cities to a number not exceeding four each day. A lively debate was precipitated by an amendment of the committee striking out the appropriation of \$300,000 for rural free delivery. By the close vote of 25 to 22, however, the committee was sustained, and the bill now carries no appropriation for such delivery. An important amendment to the bill was one which will prevent star route contractors from subletting their contracts. In order to get their money they must be able to swear that they performed the service themselves. Just before adjournment the Senate passed an important war measure, authorizing the President and general officers of the army to supply the Cuban insurgents with arms and munitions of war. The House disposed of two important measures. The Alaskan land bill, extending the homestead laws to and providing for certain railway rights of way in the district of Alaska, as amended by the Senate and agreed upon in conference, was passed. The labor arbitration measure, providing for the arbitration of labor disputes between employers and certain common carriers, a bill which had received very wide endorsement by labor organizations throughout the country, received the approval of the House. A number of minor bills were also passed.

May 4.—Quite unexpectedly a brief but sharp debate was precipitated in the Senate on the income tax proposition. The resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States relating to the succession to the presidency, was under discussion. Mr. Mills of Texas proposed an amendment in the form of a new section intended to authorize Congress to lay a tax on incomes in such form as to meet the requirements of the decision of the supreme court. He was sharply criticized for endeavoring to place such a rider on a resolution which practically all senators favored, but his ground and insisted upon a vote on his amendment. The amendment was defeated, 31 to 39 all the Republicans voting against the amendment and all the Democrats, except Mr. Caffery of Louisiana, together with the Populists and Silver Republicans, voting in favor of it.

May 3.—What promised to be an uneventful and uninteresting session of the House was thrown suddenly, after three hours' consideration of private bills, into a session of spirited speaking among Democratic members. The storm was precipitated by Mr. Lewis Dembo, a Democrat of New York, who referred in the course of a speech to the recent vote of Mr. Cummings of New York in support of the war revenue bill with its incorporated bond feature. He made reference to Mr. Cummings' assertion that this period was a time for placing country above party, intimating that the New York member had served the Republican party and perhaps contributed to the satisfaction of unpatriotic monopolists and capitalists. This brought an impassioned speech in reply from Mr. Cummings, interspersed with some sarcastic comments that intensified the interest and called an outpouring of members from the cloakrooms. Mr. Clark, (Dem.) of Missouri, entered the lists and proceeded to criticize, unreservedly the six Democrats who had voted for the revenue bill above mentioned. He characterized the votes of Mr. Cummings and other Democrats who voted for the bond bill as unpardonable. He said that they should be read out of the party. Addressing the Republican side, he said that they talked of the war as a Republican war. This he denied. "We took you by the scruff of the neck and dragged you into it," he said. "It was our war."

May 2.—Several war measures were passed by the Senate and, notwithstanding their importance, not one of them elicited the slightest debate. Probably the most important measure passed by the Senate was the emergency war deficiency bill, carrying \$33,729,915. Not more than ten minutes were consumed in passing it, that time being occupied in reading the measure. Mr. Hawley, chairman of the military affairs committee, secured the passage of a bill providing for the enlistment of a volunteer brigade of engineers and of 10,000 men in the South, who are immune to yellow fever. Two other war measures were passed, one suspending, for the duration of the war, the restrictions placed by existing laws upon the quartermaster's department of the army in order that supplies may be purchased without the present formalities; and the other providing that owners of mining claims shall not forfeit them for not performing assessment work upon them, providing they enter for the war. The passage of the emergency war appropriation bill was the feature of action by the House. The naval appropriation bill, with the Senate amendment providing for the payment of officers of the navy for the use of their inventions by the government stricken out, was reported from the conference and passed. It now goes to the president.

Christians Who Were Murdered.

LONDON, May 7.—The Colonial office has received the names of the American missionaries who were murdered during the rebellion at Ratfunk, Sierra Leone, West Coast of Africa. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Caine, and the Misses Archer, Hatfield and Schenck. The other missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Millshell and the Misses Mullen and Ward, are safe at Freetown.

Negro Kills a Policeman.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 7.—Corporal Anthony Cleary was shot and killed by Dennis Burrell, a negro whom he had arrested for robbery. The police and a mob chased the murderer and finally surrounded him. In the attempt to capture the negro he shot and killed Officer Trimp. The murderer was finally shot and his body riddled with bullets.

Felo to Go to Madrid at Once.

TORONTO, Canada, May 6.—Senor Polo y Bernabe expects to leave here for Madrid to-morrow.

Helen Gould to Help Cuba.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Helen Gould is to help the Cubans. The favored daughter of the famous millionaire will furnish the sinews of war for four troops of Cuban cavalry. These troops are not for the United States but the army of insurgents and Miss Gould will pay all the expenses of their equipment and transportation.

New York Father's Ordeal.

NEW YORK, May 5.—Jacob Gamm, a small shopkeeper, 59 years old, to-day murdered two of his children, mortally wounded a third and inflicted fatal wounds on himself.

A CHEERFUL WOMAN.

From The Democrat, Brazil, Indiana. Every woman cannot be beautiful but a cheerful face often supplies the deficiency. But no one can be cheerful and bring joy to others unless they have perfect health. Fortunately, science has placed this priceless boon within the reach of every woman as the following incident proves:

Mrs. Amanda Robinson, wife of William Robinson, farmer and stockman, near Howesville, Clay County, Ind., is thirty-two years old and had for several years been in declining health and despondent. For three months she was not only unable to attend to her domestic duties but too feeble to be up and about. To-day she is in good health and able to attend to her household affairs. She relates her experience as follows:

"I was afflicted with female troubles and was in a delicate state of health. I lost my appetite, grew thin and was greatly depressed. After taking various remedies without being benefited I was induced by a friend to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"Early in the summer of 1897 I procured five boxes of them and before finishing the second box I began to improve and by the time I had taken the five boxes I was able to go about my usual work and stopped taking the pills.

"Our daughter Anna, twelve years old, was also afflicted with decline and debility. She lost flesh, seemed to be bloodless and had no ambition. She took two boxes of the pills and they restored her appetite, aided digestion and brought color to her cheeks. She is now in the best of health. I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People the best medicine we ever had in our family and recommend them to all needing a remedy for toning up and rebuilding a shattered system."

No discovery of modern times has proved such a blessing to women as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They restore strength and health to exhausted women when every effort of the physician proves unavailing. The vegetable pills are everywhere recognized as a specific for diseases of the blood and nerves.

A woman's idea of real romance, is an old love affair.

Growth in the garden may be stimulated by early, thorough and continued cultivation.

War with Spain.

As war with Spain has broken out the officials seem to think that all that will be needed is warships, torpedo boats and other instruments of destruction. But really what will be needed more than anything else is a good supply of "5 DROPS" (manufactured by the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 167 Dearborn street, Chicago Ill.), to knock out the Rheumatism which is sure to grip our soldiers and sailors in the miasmatic climate of Cuba and the surrounding islands, where the war will be waged. The truth is that something to heal and cure is precisely what is needed right now in the desolated "Queen of the Antilles." Those 200,000 reconcentrados reported sick and dying by hundreds need provisions. It is true, but they need good medicines fully as much. If Miss Barton, the good lady who has charge of the Red Cross relief work, was supplied with "5 DROPS" she could, by their agency, save many a sick Cuban. These miraculous "5 DROPS" conquer many of the worst diseases that afflict ailing humanity, such as Rheumatism, Neuralgia, the excruciating Sciatica and the other diseases for which it is recommended. The War Department should see that there is an abundant supply of "5 DROPS" in the medicine chests.

People will rubber at a fire when nothing else can drag them out of bed.

When honey is extracted it is a great benefit to have combs built on foundation.

Pittsburg Improvements Completed.

The improvements that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have had under way at Pittsburg for the past fifteen months have been completed with the exception of a small amount of paving between the tracks, which will be done in the spring.

The line now has splendid terminals at that point and sufficient trackage to handle the vast amount of business with not only economy, but with celerity. The changes cost in the neighborhood of \$450,000 and consist of a new yard at Glenwood (one of Pittsburg's suburbs), a double track trestle nearly two miles in length, the changing of the line of road leading into the passenger station and the building of new freight yards near that point.

When a cyclist is thrown from his wheel he feels the gravity of his position.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets, Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

The proportion of women who make the living for the family, is steadily increasing. The sale of milk is the favorite means.

When a boy gets hold of a bull dog, he wants it to be mean and resents the efforts of his sisters to spoil its disposition by petting it.

When a fakir comes to town, and excuses any particular citizen from contributing to his scheme, the citizen cheerfully assists in working his neighbors.

When a fire alarm after 10 o'clock brings out a lot of women, it is understood by the men that they are whist players, and stopped in the midst of the game.

A number of Kansas families, who live near the churches, have organized a society for debating purpose. Their first subject will be: Is God Hard or Hearing?

To the central office: For having made ring off Emma Kelley, in the Klondike. The latest is that she has made a claim for \$30,000; the first was she had married Nigger Jim, a millionaire.

Dr. Ayer's

is the name to remember when buying Sarsaparilla. Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been curing people right along for nearly 50 years. That is why it is acknowledged to be the sovereign Sarsaparilla. It is the original and the standard. The record of the remedy is without a rival—a record that is written in the blood of thousands, purified by its power.

"I nursed a lady who was suffering from blood poisoning and must have contracted the disease from her; for I had four large sores, or ulcers, break out on my person. I doctored for a long time, both by external application and with various blood medicines; but in spite of all that I could do, the sores would not heal. At last I purchased six bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, thinking I would give it a thorough trial. Before the six bottles had been taken, the ulcers were healed, the skin sound and natural, and my health better than it had been for years. I have been well ever since. I had rather have one bottle of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Sarsaparilla than three of any other kind."—Mrs. A. F. Taylor, Englewood, N. Dak.

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